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CROKER WARMS UP

Ruin His Son.

HE IS TOLD TO KEEP COOL

His Partner, Meyer, Positively Refuses to Answer Questions.

INTERESTING TESTIMONY

NEW YORK, April 15.-The Mazet investigation committee continued its sittings

Richard J. Foster was the first witness He is in the wholesale and retail ice business in this city. As he began to testify Richard Croker, accompanied by his son Frank, entered the court room.

The object of calling Mr. Foster was apparently to prove alleged discrimination by the city government in favor of the Consolidated Ice Company. His testimony was uninteresting and unimportant. Peter F. Meyer was then called.

He said he was a member of the dock board. He and Mr. Croker were the only members of the real estate firm.

"Prior to the taking of Mr. Croker into your firm you did not have a great many of the judicial sales, did you?" asked Mr.

"No; but I made more money from other sales, and got twice the money that I do now," replied the auctioneer.

Mr. Meyer Grows Sarcastic. Mr. Meyer said he made \$160,000 in twelve months. "More than you will ever make in

your life at this business," he added, speaking to Mr. Moss. Mr. Mazet interposed: "You will confine your answers to the questions and not vol-

unteer information." Mr. Moss sarcastically remarked: "It does not annoy me, Mr. Chairman. I am per-

feetly willing to have this gentleman talk as much as he pleases. That is part of my Mr. Moss asked if Mr. Meyer's object in speaking to Mr. Croker about going into partnership with him was not to get the

benefit of Croker's reputation and influence.
"No," said Mr. Meyer, "It was to get satisfaction out of a certain party that I had

a little grudge against."
Further he would not explain.
Mr. Meyer said his firm made about \$3,-700 a year out of the judicial sales. It was such a small matter that he did not care anything about it. Mr. Meyer said that in an indirect way he had approached Mr. Croker in order to be appointed dock commissioner. The witness

thought he could do better that way than by speaking to Croker directly. "And he gave his consent, didn't he?" asked Mr. Moss.
"I suppose he did by having me appointed," said the witness, carelessly.
"He had you appointed, didn't he?" Mr.
Moss smiled.

Mr. Myer in a Trap.

"Yes-no, I got my appointment from the

trap into which he had fall-n Mr. Meyer said he was treasurer of the Tammany Society. He had no official position in the political organization known as Tammany. The society was the old secret society, separate from the organization. Mr. Meyer said he did not hold any stock of the Consolidated Ice Company. He did hold some a year or two ago. He bought it in the open market. Mr. Moss inquired with so much curiosity and detail into this ice transaction that Mr. Meyer said: 'I won't answer you a single qu Moss wormed out of Mr. Meyer that he might have bought the stock while

a member of the dock board. Mr. Croker Recalled. Mr. Meyer's examination was suspended

and Mr. Croker was recalled. Mr. Moss recalled the witness' assertion

yesterday that if it should be proven that he had ever received any dishonest money from the city he would allow his right arm to be cut off.

"Are you willing to make the proposition that if dishonorable money or dishonorable transactions are laid at your door you will part with your fortune and part with your liberty?" asked Mr. Moss. "Yes." said Mr. Croker.

"Tes said Mr. Ctoker.
"That is more to the point and more to
the purpose," replied Mr. Moss, smiling.
Mr. Croker said he was acquainted with
John Kelly, sometimes called "Smiling
John" Kelly. He denied that Kelly was a gambler. He did not know if Kelly was a member of the firm of Naughton & Company, contractors.

'Is not Mr. Kelly practically your representative in the firm of Naughton & Company?" asked Mr. Moss.
"No, sir," asid Croker. He had never reelved money from Naughton & Company
directly or indirectly, neither had any mem-

ber of his family that he knew of.

Declines More Questions.

Mr. Moss said he understood Mr. Croker had stated that when he returned from Europe in 1807 ne was substantially without any large amount of means. Mr. Croker denied that the statement was true. He declined to answer whether in 1897 he held stock in the Union railway. "That is my personal affair," said the witness, but he went on to deny his family held any stock in the Roebling company at that time. He did not know that his son, Richard S., was a member of the Contractors' Supply Com-pany or that Richard had ever got any from him (the witness) to go into

the company. "Did you give your son Frank a check for \$17,000 to go into the Roebling Con-struction Company?" asked Mr. Moss, Mr. Croker declined to answer on the

Fround of "personal business." Later he said: "While my son has been in the Roebling company it has never re-ceived a contract from the city, so that it does not concern this committee at all.'
With warmth Mr. Croker added;

I have the utmost confidence in that boy, and if you can destroy him in the city you are working to do-this committee it seems, has made a set against my two sons and if you can destroy him and not allow him to go into business I suppose you

Mr. Mazet-"I hardly think that statement is justified."
"Yes, it is," rejoined Mr. Croker. "Go on and examine Mr. Platt's firm and find out what his boys are in, if you want to be honest. You go and examine the people who brought you here to examine us."

'Keep cool, Mr. Croker," interjected Mr.

Attacks Senator Platt's Firm. "I am just as cool as you are," came the

reply. 'That is the gentleman-Mr. Plattwho puts you here to examine us. You go and examine his firm. They are at the foundation of all the corruption in this city. I say that there is more corruption in that firm today, and it is run by all, or mostly all, the corporations in this state there is more corruption in that firm than anywhere else. You go and examine that firm now, to be fair, and bring their books

Mr. Moss said the matter Mr. Croker had spoken of was in no way concerned with the local government "You make that matter in any way pertinent to this inquiry

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Declares the Committee is Trying to Stockholders of Metropolitan and Columbia Companies Comply With Terms.

> Mr. Frederick C. Stevens, the Purchaser, So Notified-Over \$5,000,000 to Change Hands.

Mr. Frederick C. Stevens was today notified by Mr. Charles J. Bell, the president of the American Security and Trust Company, that the stockholders of the Metropolitan street railroad had offered to sell 17,000 or more shares of the stock of that company at the figure given in the agree ment made by Mr. Stevens, \$230 per share. He was also informed that the stockholders of the Columbia Street Railroad Company had offered to sell at the figure named, \$150 per share, 7,000 or more shares of the stock of that company. This action was taken in pursuance of the terms of an agreement made by Mr. Stevens for the purchase of the road.

Mr. Stevens also agreed that, within three days of the receipt of such an offer, he would deposit with the American Security and Trust Company \$300,000. It is under-stood he will accept the offers made, and that the money will be paid as stipulated. The stockholders of the two companies signing the agreement to sell are required to deposit their stock with the trust com-pany on or before May 1.

The action taken today is one of the last

phases in a transaction which, whether con-sidered from the money standpoint or from the property interests involved, is considered to be one of the largest and most important that has been ever made in this city. If Mr. Stevens simply takes the stock that has been now offered, an expenditure will be required of more than \$5,000,000. In addition, however, Mr. Stevens agrees to take all the stock in either company that be offered and on the same terms.

MARINE CORPS APPOINTMENTS.

Selection of First Lieutenants Announced at the Navy Department.

The Navy Department has announced the appointment of the following first lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps: Henry W. Carpenter, Randoiph C. Berkley, A. J. Malthus, Charles G. Anderson, Charles S. Hatch, J. C. Breckinridge, Arthur T. Marix, Philip S. Brown, Harry Lee and Robert T. Carmody.

Of the ninety-two appointments in the Marine Corps authorized by Congress at its last session, about forty will be made from civil life. Secretary Long has decided to apportion these appointments among the states and territories according to popula-tion, and it is expected that the names of those nominated by the different state and territorial delegations will be announced in a few weeks. All candidates nominated in this way will be ordered to examination by a board composed of marine officers.

CAPT. WILLIAM E. HORTON.

Washington Soldier Honored by the President.

William E. Horton, who was appointed an assistant adjutant general, with the rank of captain, in the volunteer army in mayor," responded Mr. Meyer, seeing the May last, has relinquished that position in order to accept an appointment as assistnt quartermaster, with the rank of captain, in the volunteer army, and has been assigned to duty at Augusta, Ga.

READY TO PAY THE \$20,000,000.

Spanish Government Notified Through the French Embassy.

Through the French embassy the State Department has notified the Spanish government that it stands prepared to pay at any time the \$20,000,000 named in the treaty of peace as the sum to be paid on account of the cession of the Philippines. The Spanish government has been told that the pay-ment will be made in United States gold coin or in gold bars, at its option, and the only condition attached is that the payment shall be made at New York. It has been suggested that owing to this last requirement the Spanish government might incur substantial loss through the payment of commission necessary to transfer so large a sum of money across the Atlantic. It is pointed out at the State Department, how ever, that the United States governmen to pay the \$20,000,000 three in advance of the time allowed by the treaty, and that the interest for that time would very much more than pay the com-mission on the movement of the gold.

WAR PAY FOR THE TROOPS.

Officers Believe Soldiers Manila Are Entitled to It.

The subject of the 20 per cent additional pay allowed enlisted men during a time of war has been discussed in the War Department, and law officers in the department are of the opinion that the troops in the Philippines will be entitled to the additional pay. While peace has been declared with Spain, it is contended by some hat a state of war practically exists in the Philippines, because the fighting is carried on according to methods of war, such as the taking of prisoners and their treatment. Officially, however, it is merely an insurrection, and is so recognized by for-eign governments. Of course, whatever the controller of the treasury should hold in this connection would be final, as he in this connection would be final, as he passes upon the pay accounts of the army

NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

Made Under the Operations of the Personnel Law.

Promotions in the navy were announced at the Navy Department today as follows: Rear admirals-W. S. Schley, W. T. Sampson, N. H. Farquhar and G. C. Remey.

Captains-J. Trilley, R. A. Rearick, C. Andrade, J. Lowe, L. W. Robinson, E. Longnecker, B. H. McCalla, C. H. Rockwell, J. M. Forsyth, J. E. Craig, C. H. Thomas, E. E. Houston, W. W. Mead, W. H. Brownson, G. C. Reiter, A. S. Snow, J. Entwisle, G. W. Pigman, H. Aston, W. H. Harris, L. J. Allen, J. C. Green, J. McGowan, R. B. Bradford, G. A. Converse.

Lieutenants—W. T. Phelps, S. E. W. Kit-telle and A. C. Cole. Pay directors—G. W. Beaman and Passed Assistant Paymaster George Brown, jr. All the above promotions are made un-der the provisions of the naval personnel law, and are in no sense the result of ser-vice during the Spanish war.

Examination for Ordnance Corps. June 12 has been fixed as the date for the examination of officers who desire to enter the ordnance corps. The examinations will be held at New York, San Francisco, in Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Remains to Be Brought Home. Secretary Long has instructed the con mandant of the Mare Island navy yard to procure two metallic caskets and send them out on the Badger to Apia to receive the remains of Lieutenant Lansdale and Ensign Monaghan of the Philadelphia, which will be returned to the United States

ister to Belgium.

MANY CALLERS ON THE PRESIDENT PRIVATE RECORDS IN EVIDENCE PRINCE HENRY TO BE SOVEREIGN

New York.

The President today appointed Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania to succeed Mr. Bellamy Storer as United States minister to Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Townsend is at present United States minister at Lisbon, and his transfer leaves a vacancy in the Portuguese mission, for which a selection has already been made and will shortly be announced.

Lawrence Townsend, the new minister to Belgium, is a Philadelphian. He was appointed during President Cleveland's administration secretary of legation at Vienna, and there remained until appointed by President McKinley minister to Portugal.

Invited to Pittsburg. Mayor Diehl of Pittsburg, Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger, Gen. Charles L. Fitzhugh, Capt. J. M. Ray, Maj. Charles P. Powell and Mai. W. H. Davis called on President McKinley this afternoon and invited him to attend the reunion of the Army of the Potomac in Pittsburg October 4 and 5. The President said that he could not yet say what his engagements would be at that time.

Appraiser at New York.

The appointment of Israel F. Fischer of New York as appraiser of merchandise at New York was definitely decided upon by the President this morning. The decision was reached after a conference with Sen-

ators Platt and Depew. The two New York senators asked the President to attend the dinner to Senator Frye, to be given in New York on the 27th of this month by various commercial organizations, but the President said he would not be able to leave Washington at

A Valuable Collection of Names.

On the recommendation of Senator Chandler the President has appointed Chas. S. Hill of New Hampshire a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. In calling on the President this morning to thank him for the appointment, Senator Chandler asked the President to place his autograph in a historic little book belonging to Lieut, Hill. In 1836 the little black and gold volume was presented to Isaac Anderson Hill, then a boy, by President Van Buren. The book is "The Passion Flower." Isaac Anderson Hill was the son of the famous Senator Hill of New Hampshire, then in the Senate. Mr. Van Buren inscribed his name in the book which contains the autographs of book, which contains the autographs of many celebrated men, among others Presi-dents Pierce and Harrison. The book was originally presented to Lieut, Hill's father, and is carefully preserved in the family.

Church Property in the Philippines. It is said that Archbishop Corrigan, who lled on President McKinley Thursday night, consulted the chief executive regarding the disposition of church property in the Philippines. Archbishop Corrigan's plan is said to be to turn all the Catholic Church property in the Philippines over to the American hierarchy, in view of the probable permanent retention of the islands by this country. The plan is to be sub-mitted to Rome by Bourke Cockran, now

in Europe. The President has not decided what course he will finally recommend.

Invited to Kendall Green Dr. E. M. Gallaudet of the College for Deaf Mutes at Kendall Green, this morning extended the President an invitation to attend the closing exercises of the insti-

tution on May 10. The President has not yet given an answer to the invitation Delegates From Press Clubs. The President today received a large

number of the delegates who have been attending the session of the International League of Press Clubs at Baltimore. Secretary Alger Sees the President.

Secretary Alger went to the White House this afternoon to tell the President something of what he had observed in Cuba and Porto Rico. The Secretary was full of praise for the condition of the forces of this country in those islands. "The general accommodations for the troops are the best I have ever seen," he said. "The hospi are in splendid shape and are ample "The hospitals taking care of diseases of all kinds. That at Santiago is a marvel of a modern insti-

tution for sick soldiers."
The Secretary detailed at considerable length what he saw and what he thinks should be done on both islands. He said that no action has been taken for the removal of the regular troops from the island and no time fixed for the occupation of this country to cease.

A Most Unique Invitation.

The most unique invitation ever extended a President has been received at the White House. The invitation is from people of New Orleans for President McKinley to visit the Louisiana industrial exposition. It is on a graphophone cylinder and is a speech from a leading New Orleans man. The cylinder will be placed in the White House graphophone and the voice will com-municate to the President personally.

MORTGAGES IN CUBA.

Date for Payment Put Off One Year by the Administration. Mortgage obligations in Cuba will be fur-

ther extended for another year. The extension, however, will be limited to debts secured by mortgage or ground rents. The representatives of the Cuban cabinet council who have been here for some days have had several conferences with the officials on the subject of general credit extensions, during which they have argued the adoption of a plan which had received the sanction of the council, extending mortgage obligations for periods ranging up to six years. They also desired that debtors be relieved entirely from the payment of in-terest pending final liquidation.

This proposition received the disapproval

of the officials, who promptly stated that they could not apply a principle which was distinctly contrary to common justice, and It was suggested to the Cubans that their course would speedily and permanently in-jure the credit of the island.

To Bring the Troops North. Camp Meade has been put in condition for the reception of the volunteers in southern camps. It is expected that six regiments will be sent there. The arrangements for recalling all the volunteers in Cuba have been completed, and they are being returned as fast as the transports

Mr. Baird's Condition Unchanged. No change in the condition of Representative Baird was reported this afternoon.

RAILWAY DEAL COMPLETE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ALL BOOKS ADMITTED KINGDOM IN CHINA

Mr. Quay's Attorneys.

I. F. Fischer to Be an Appraiser at They Contain Accounts of Loans Natives Ask Pekin Government for

Made to Defendant.

The sixth day of the trial of ex-United States Senator Quay began with the prospects of a battle royal between counsel as to the admission of the "red book," which Expert Meyer Goldsmith yesterday said was undoubtedly a book of the bank.

Mr. Watson, after introducing the general proposition of the defense's objection, turned to the testimony of Goldsmith, and, taking that portion in which an entry for \$5,352.10 in the "red book" was compared as being similar to a like entry in the regular books, said: "The prosecution declares that because of this the book is a book of the bank. A comparison between these items shows a difference of four months in the dates in the two books. District Attorney Quoted.

"The district attorney himself," Mr. Watson continued, "demonstrates that it is not a book of the bank, but only a memorandum book kept secretly by a cashier who is a party to the alleged conspiracy and therefore presumably capable of writing any figures in a book that will suit his purpose. His motive was to deceive and he may have used this book for purposes of deception. The admission of the book in this case would violate all the rules of evidence. The 'red book' was so irregular that after the failure outside persons were allowed to take it away and keep it for menths and photograph it as a national

curiosity. Mr. Rothermel in reply made the strong point that the reason Hopkins did not begin keeping the red book until 1891 was because in that year a law was passed by the legislature creating the state depart-ment of banking; that he knew that after that date the books would be open to the inspection of a bank examiner regularly, and it was therefore necessary to keep the computations of the defendant's share the interest secretly.

Judge Admits the Book. Judge Biddle in admitting the red book

said: "When the question originally arose in this case in reference to this particular book I did not think the district attorney had sufficiently established the proof that it was a bank book. The question now comes in an entirely different capacity. It seems to me that an expert could tell bet-ter than anyone else what books are necessary to carry out the system in vogue at that bank. He swore most positively that this book is a book of the bank. Up to a certain date the books were kept in a certain way and the accounts compared in the ledger. He followed this up with the statement that entries formerly made in the ledger were now found in this book.
"The gentleman who kept this book was

and to use the words of the assist ant cashier. 'He was the whole bank.' The question is not whether the contents of this book are material or immaterial, but whether it is a book of the bank. The exbank and under those circumstances it is admitted as he knows more about it than During the announcement of the decision

the most complete silence prevailed in the court room, and as the court finished a gen-eral buzz of whispering was noticeable and every eye was turned in the direction of Mr. He sat quietly, and there was not a movement of a muscle to indicate what impression the decision had made upon him

Other Private Books Admitted. Mr. Goldsmith was recalled to testify that

the "black book" found in Hopkins' desk is a book of the bank. This book, the commonwealth alleges, shows transactions involving the purchase and sales of stock in which the defendant was interested. The same objections which were made to this were again made by the defense, and the objections were overruled.

The book was formally offered in evidence and the same formal objections made in the

case of the "red book" were made and were overruled.

The "blue book" was next testified to, and was admitted against the same objections as to the other two books. This book, which was also found in the cashler's desk is alleged to be a record of individual loans and shows that Cashier Hopkins made loans to Senator Quay.

Court adjourned at noon until Monday morning.

BANKS IN THE DISTRICT. Increase in Deposits and Loans Re-

ported by the Controller. From the reports just received by the controller of the currency, showing the condition of the national banks and trust companies in this District at the close of business April 5, 1899, it appears that the individual deposits at that date in the national banks amounted to \$18,988,700, while the loans and discounts amounted to \$10,818,891. At the time of the last report February 1899, these amounts were as follows: Individual deposits, \$17,049,700; boans and discounts, \$10,707,262, showing an increase of \$1,938,000 in the former and \$101,620 in the

On the 5th of May, 1898, the reports showed that the individual deposits amounted to \$16,807,978 and the loans and discounts \$10,149,954. The figures for the loan and trust com

paries covering the same period are as folows: April 5, 1899, individual deposits, \$9,634, 69; loans and discounts, \$7,727,055. February 4, 1899, individual deposits 8,329,123; loans and discounts, \$7,428,440. \$8,320,123 Increase, \$1,313,946 in deposits and \$299,518 in loans.

Lieut, Laug's Case.

The case of Lieut. Lang is being expedited. Gen. Merritt, commander of the depart ment of the east, was in Washington yesterday, and the findings of the court were delivered to him by Col. Claus, judge advodelivered to him by Col. Claus, judge advo-cate of the court. The general indorsed the papers and turned them over to the adju-tant general of the army. They were then sent to the judge advocate general. They will be passed upon by the latter officer in a day or two and forwarded to the head-quarters of the army and probably thence to the President. The fact that the case has been returned to the War Department may be regarded as an indication that the court has reached a verdict of guilty and sentence of dismissal, as a lighter sentence could be acted upon by the department commander.

Ex-Representative Samuel G. Hilborn of California, whose serious filness was announced in yesterday's Star, was removed to Garfield Hospital yesterday afternoon.

No marked change was observed in his condition during the night.

Late this afternoon the report from Garfield Hospital was that Mr. Hilbern's condition had undergone no change during the day.

Mr. Hilborn's Condition Unchanged.

Minister Townsend Appointed Min- Judge Biddle Overrules Objections of Emperor William's Rumored Purpose Regarding Shan Tung.

Permission to Resist.

PRESS CLUB DELEGATES VICTORY FOR PROSECUTION FEAR OF RUSSIA REVIVED

VICTORIA, B. C., April 15 .- According to the Pekin and Tien Tsin Times, copies of which were received here by the steamer Glenogle, it is generally believed among the foreign element at Pekin that the seizure of Kiao Chou in November, 1897, by Germany was a first step toward the realization of a scheme of Kalser Wilhelm to place a Ger-

man king on Chinese soil. Prince Henry, the emperor's brother, who is in the orient in charge of the Asiatic squadron, it is alleged, will be king, and the Chinese province of Shan Tung his kingdom. The occupation of the interior of the province, it is pointed out, is a direct move toward the establishment of German sovereignty over the whole of the 65,000 square miles of Shan Tung, instead of the 400 square miles around Kiao Chou, which was taken out of the Chinese domain by Admiral von Diederichs after the native mob had killed Missionaries Neise, Hennie and Ziegler.

Resented by the Chinese.

Baron von Heiking, the German minister, has gone to Kiao Chou to consult with Prince Henry. Chinese military officials in Shan Tung have asked permission from the Pekin government to proceed against the German force of occupation.

According to the Japanese papers, there s grave apprehension in British-German diplomatic circles regarding the situation in China, which is heightened by the fact that Russia is again making overtures for control of affairs in Corea. In consequence of recent developments, the leave granted Sir Claude McDonald, British ambassador, has been withdrawn and he will remain a the Chinese capital.

VON BUELOW'S SPEECH APPROVED. German Press Commend His Views

Regarding Samoa. BERLIN, April 15.-The morning newspapers generally approve of the speech of the German minister of foreign affairs. Baron von Buelow, on Samoa in the reichstag yesterday, though pointing out that its effect was largely destroyed by the rodomontade of Dr. Lehr, to whom, the interpellation of the government was intrusted. Part of the press continues to impute to Great Britain unfriendliness because of that country's long delay in accepting the Ger-

COL. J. D. CHAFFEE ARRESTED.

Charged With Misappropriating Funds of Natchaug Silk Co. WILLIMANTIC, Conn., April 15.-Col. J. Wight Chaffee, one of the most prominent citizens of Willimantic, was arrested by Police Captain Hillhouse at 9 o'clock this morning on a charge alleging the misappropriation of the funds of the Natchaug silk Company, of which concern he was the president when it failed in 1895

prisoner was immediately taken be ore Judge Lyman of the police court. He refused to plead to the charge and requested a continuance until Wednesday morning. Bonds, which were fixed at \$5,000, were fur-

NEW CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL. Ho Yow, Brother of Minister Wu, As

signed to 'Frisco. VICTORIA, B. C., April 15,-The steamer Glenogle has arrived from the orient. Her mail advices say that several important changes in the Chinese diplomatic service have just taken place. Ho Yow has been appointed consul general at San Francisco. Ho Yow has just completed an investigation of the condition of the Chinese in California and their adaptability to become laborers in Mexico. He is a relative by marriage of Dr. Ho Kal and is a brother of Chinese Minister at Washington Wu Ting Fan. Following Ho's promotion a number low, formerly consul general at Havana has been transferred to Manila as consi general and is accredited to the Unite There are over 2,000,000 Chinese in the Philippines, and heretofore they have not been represented by a consul gen-

BIDS FOR SCHOOL SITE.

Offer of Ground for Erection Takoma Park Building. Bids for the sale of a site for the fourroom public school building to be erected in Takoma Park, for which Congress at its recent session appropriated the sum of \$18,-000, were opened at the District building today. They were as follows: R. W. Walker & Son, lot 3, block 7, Grammer's addition to Takoma Park, corner of Piney Branch road and Umatilla street, 12 cents a square foot; also 100 feet front on west side of Piney Branch road by a depth of 2081-2 feet, of Lewis tract, at 7 cents a foot.

Thomas J. Fisher & Co., a five-acre tract fronting Rock Creek Church road, \$6,000,

and if less than one-half be desired, 4 cents B. H. Warner & Co., lots 11 and 12, block 13, fronting Magnolia avenue, 7 cents a foot; lots 14, 15 and 16, block 10, fronting on Chestnut street, \$6,000, and lots 11, 12 and 13, block 10, Blair avenue and Chestnut

street, \$3,000. Brice & Lipscomb, all of block 18. Grammer's addition to Takoma Park, 215 feet on Piney Branch road, 196 feet on Blair road and 149 feet on Wabash street, 24,781 feet \$2,807.70; lots 10, 11 and 12, block 12, Grammer's addition to Takoma Park, fronting 171 feet on Wabash street and 140 feet on 23,940 feet, \$2,633.40, and lots 10, 11 and 12, block 8, Grammer's addition to Ta koma Park, fronting 171 feet on Vermill street and 170 feet on 6th street, 29,070 feet.

CONTEST OVER WILL.

Hearing Today in Suit Involving

The suit recently instituted by Maurice B. Alexander, the caveator in the contest over the alleged will of the late Columbu Alexander against all the heirs and devisee of the latter, asking the court to appoint a receiver to take charge of the real estate left by the testator, pending the legal contest over the validity of the will, was called for hearing today before Judge Cole

bert, and A. S. Worthington argued the matter on behalf of the caveators, while Messrs. R. Ross Perry & Son and E. D. F. Brady represented the caveatees.

When counsel concluded their argument the court took the matter under advisement. A decision will probably be anBIG FIRE AT CLEVELAND

Hart & Company's Millinery Establishment in Flames.

The Loss is Estimated at Half a Million Dollars - Several Persons Injured.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15 .- The immense wholesale millinery establishment of Hart & Co., occupying an entire block from Bank to Academy street, is burning and

will probably be entirely destroyed. The firemen say that no lives have been lost, but several are known to have been injured. The flames are spreading. Twenty engines, a water tower and two fireboats are throwing a perfect deluge of water into the burning building. The fire originated in the four-story building occupied by Comey & Johnson, hat manufacturers, and spread with lightning rapidity throughout the entire structure and to the adjoining brick block occupied by Hart & Co., wholesale milliners, and several other firms. Both

buildings are doorred.

The loss so fer is roughly estimated at a half million dollars. Both buildings were crowded with hundreds of girls. Many of them were carried down the fire escapes by the firmer. the firemen. About a dozen men were cut off from es-

about a dozen men were cut off from escape in the Hart building and ran to the roof and began crying for assistance. The crowd below looked on, horror stricken, but unable to do anything. They begged the unfortunate not to jump but to wait for the ladders, which were be

but to wait for the ladders, which were being got in shape as fast as possible. The firemen eventually succeeded in getting ladders into position and all on the roof were soon brought safely to the ground. The injured so far as known at this hour are: Mary Mylett, burned about face and head, condition critical; E. J. Rockert, badly burned; three junknown mer bedly ly burned; three unknown men

DUKE OF ARCOS DESIGNATED. Spain's Representative Here Will Come as an Ambassador.

LONDON, April 15.-Special dispatches from Madrid say the Duke of Arccs, the late Spanish minister to Mexico, and who married Miss Virginia Lowery of Washington, has been designated as Spanish ambassador at Washington.

As it seems from the press dispatch that the Spanish government has decided to raise its diplomatic representative at Washington to the grade of ambassador, it is more than likely that the United States will adopt a similar course in the case of Mr. Storer, who will thus have the distinction Storer, who will thus have the distinction of being the first ambassador from the United States to the royal court of Spain.

The Duc D'Arcos, who has been appointed as the Spanish ambassador to the United States, is well and favorably known in this city, and as he is persona grata to the officers of the administration, there is no likelihood whatever of any objections being offered to his appointment. He was ing offered to his appointment. He was formerly stationed in Washington in a minor diplomatic capacity. His last diplomatic assignment was as minister to Mex-

The State Department has been informed from an unofficial but reliable source that Mr. Bellamy Storer is persona grata to the Madril government, and that he will be

properly received as the representative of the United States. ECKFORD MAY RECOVER. Man Who Shot Himself at Cumberland in a Hospital.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., April 15 .- Prof. C E. Eckford, the man who attempted suicide here yesterday, has been removed to the Western Maryland Hospital, where a trephining operation was performed by Drs. Twigg, Wiley and Brace. lent, and declares he will kill himself as

soon as he can do so. He wants to jump out of the window, and has had to be fastened to the bed. At times he begs to be allowed to "die as a southern gentleman should die."

Physicians say the shot was fired too high up, and that Eckford will recover. GEN. SHAFTER IS BETTER. He Will Leave Buffalo Tomorrow for

Chicago

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.-Gen. W. Shafter, who was taken with a chill yesterday while en route to Buffalo, is much better today. His temperature was normal, and the doctor did not anticipate any recurrence of the chill. general will receive this afternoon,

and will dine at the Buffalo Club with Dr

Peter Cornell. He will leave tomorrow for President Will Press the Button. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 15.-Arrangements have been completed whereby President McKinley will push an electric button which will start work on the San Pedro breakwater, on April 26. The contractors have reported to executive committee that they will be ready to begin work or that date, and a special wire has been leased to run from San Pe-dro into the White House in Washington

Prominent Arrivals at New York NEW YORK, April 15 .- Alexander Smith, United States consul at Trinidad, arrived

here today from his post. The Campania, from Liverpool, brought among her passengers Judge Lambert Tree of Chicago, Marshall Halstead. States consul at Birmingham; Walter T. Griffin, United States consul at Limoges

Grain Shovelers to Strike. BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.-About 1,500 grain shovelers, members of the local union. No. 51, have adopted resolutions

declarative of their intention to refuse to

work under the contract system, which, the

and Chas. C. Francklyn of New York

Sevres Vases for Chess Prizes. NEW YORK, April 15 .- M. Loubet, the president of the French republic, has informed the committee of the international chess congress in Paris that he would b pleased to present several Sevres vases, valued at 5,000 francs, as special prizes for

the international chess tournament to be contested in Paris next year New Capitol for Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 15.-A bill has been passed by the legislature providing for the erection of a new state capitol, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000, and now awaits the governor's signature. The new capitol is to be erected on the site of the present penitentiary, which will be remov-ed beyond the city limits.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 15.-The

seventy-sixth ballot for United States senator, taken today, resulted: Quay (rep.), 6: Jenks (dem.), 33; Calvin Wells (rep.), 2.

Charles Dudley Warner Out of Danger

out the night, and today he is conside out of danger.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.-Charles Dudley Warner continued to improve throughlivered by carriers to permanent subscribes to the largest percentage of residences in the city.

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BAD FOR MRS. GEORGE

Witness Declares She Saw Her Shoot George Saxton.

SHOT TWICE AFTER HE

Mrs. Eckroat Witnessed the Trag-

edy From Her Window.

HER TESTIMONY UNSHAKEN

CANTON, Oho, April 15.-The trial of Mrs. George for the murder of George D. Saxton opened today with Miss Mattie Grimes on the stand for cross-examination, Witness said she especially observed Mrs. George's flushed face when she saw her an hour after the murder, because witness had heard of Saxton's death, and had been told of some of the relations between Saxton

Policeman E. E. Willis was called to say that Mayor Rice was Mrs. George's counsel the morning after her arrest, but the evidence was excluded.

and Mrs. George.

Mrs. Oberlin, with whom Mrs. George roomed, described Mrs. George's appeararce and dress when she left the house the morning of Saxton's death.

Mrs. Eckroat Saw the Murder.

Mrs. Christine Eckroat presented startling testimony. She said she went to her window on the night of the murder, after window on the hight of the murder, after hearing two shots, and saw a person bend-ing forward, who fired two shots toward the ground, and then walked to a vacant lot, through which the person ran. She identified the person as Mrs. George. Wit-ness had previously often noticed a woman walking up and down to front of the Alt.

walking up and down in front of the Althouse residence, whom she later learned was Mrs. George. Mrs. Ecanoat is the first witness claiming to recognize the person who did the shooting. In cross-examination the defense sought to show that the witness did not know Mrs. George well enough to identify her, and that it was too dark for any one to recog-

Witness Uses Morphine. Mrs. Eckroate, in cross-examination, said she had been using morphine for nine or ten years, but for the last six months only took it every other day. She said she had always done her house work and managed her household. Mrs. Laura Huwig of Cleveland, a daughter of Mrs. Eckroate, testified, as an eye witness, to the firing of two shots. She de-

scribed the person who fired them and said

tize a person across the street

from what she had seen of Mrs. George since the defendant resembled the one she saw fire the shots in figure, carriage and general appearance.

BARTLETT TRIPP SUMMONED.

amoan Commissioner Called Here to Receive Instructions. Mr. Bartlett Tripp, the member of the Samoan commission who will represent this country, has been summoned to Washington to receive his instructions. It has been found that he can reach here and still depart from Washington on the 19th in order to leave San Francisco on the 25th. As the instructions are very long, it was considered more advisable to have them delivered

State Department and foreign embassies concerned, there will be no formal confer-ence of the Samoan commission in this city.

to him in person. So far as known at the

ASSIGNED TO REGIMENTS. The War Department Disposes Cavalry Officers Recently Promoted. By direction of the acting secretary of war, the officers of the cavalry arm named

in the accompanying list, recently pro-

moted, are assigned to regiments as fol-

lows: Captains-John M. Neall, 4th Cavalry Carter P. Johnson, 10th Cavalry; Herbert H. Sargent, 2d Cavairy; Roger B. Bryan, 5th Cavalry; William S. Scott, 1st Cavalry; Daniel L. Tate, 3d Cavalry; George W Goode, 1st Cavalry; John C. Waterman, 7th Cavalry; Godfrey H. Macdonald, 10th Cavalry; Matthew F. Steele, 6th Cavalry; George H. Cameron, 4th Cavalry, and Robert D. Walsh, 6th Cavalry.
First lieutenants—George W. Kirkpatrick, 8th Cavalry; Cornelius C. Smith, 2d Cavalry; Joseph E. Cusack, 5th Cavalry; Walter M. Whitman, 1st Cavalry; William B. ter M. Whitman, ist Cavairy; William R. Smedberg, jr., 4th Cavairy; Walter C. Babcock, 8th Cavairy; William Yates, 1st Cavairy; Edward B. Cassatt, 4th Cavairy; Kingzie W. Walker, 9th Cavairy; Charles G. Sawtelle, jr., 2d Cavairy; George F. Hamilton, 10th Cavairy; William H. Paine, 2d Cavairy; Hamilton, 5th Cavairy; William H. Paine, 2d Cavairy; Hamilton, 5th Cavairy; Hamilton, 2th Cavairy; Manufacture, 2th Cavairy; William R. Smedberg, jr., 4th Cavairy; Edward B. Cassatt, 4th Cavairy; Charles G. Sawtelle, jr., 2th Cavairy; George F. Hamilton, 1th Cavairy; William H. Paine, 2th Cavairy; Manufacture, 2th Cavair

Cavalry; Hamilton S. Hawkins, 4th Cav-airy; Casper H. Conrad, jr., 7th Cavalry; Herbert A. White, 6th Cavalry; Mortimer O. Bigelow, 8th Cavalry.

NAVAL ENLISTMENTS. They Have Been Resumed on All the

Receiving Ships. Enlistments have been resumed on board of all receiving ships and at Chi-cago, Ill., of machinists, second class, who hold and present honorable discharges for service in the war with Spain and were discharged when the naval force was reduced o the quota allowed by law. These men are to be enlisted with a view to taking the

places of the machinists who will be promoted to warrant machinists. To complete the details forming on board the receiving ship Vermont for the U. S. S. Yankton, torpedo boats Porter and Wins-low and to fill the complement of the U. S. S. New Orleans, at the navy yard, New York, enlistments are resumed in the ratyork, chilstments are resulted in the rac-lings of scaman, ordinary scaman, landsman, electricians, second class; blacksmiths, ship's cook, fourth class; and on board the receiving ship Richmond, at League Island, to complete the crew of the U. S. S. New-port, torpedo boat Mackenzle and the U. S. S. Prairie enlistments are being made in the racings of seeman ordinary scaman. the ratings of seaman, ordinary seaman, landsman, electrician, second class; machin-ist, first class, and mess attendant.

HELD FOR BURGLARY.

John Cochrane in Jail Awaiting Ac-

tion of Grand Jury. John Cochrane, fifty-three years old, was given a preliminary hearing this morning in the Police Court in two cases of alleged burglary. It was charged that he robbed the houses of Mrs. Margaret B. Hayes, No. 452 New Jersey avenue southeast, and E. S. Greenwell, No. 316 North Carolina avenue. The prisoner pleaded not guilty to the charges, although he said he was implicated in the cases. Judge Scott heard the testimony, and held Cochrane in \$2,000 security for the action of the grand jury

Legality of the Act Questioned The Kansas dispatch to the effect that United States Commissioner Nuckols has decided to surrender to the Mexican officers Santiago Morphy, charged with embezzline Santiago Morphy, charged with embezzing \$70,000 from the Mexican National Bank, was received with much surprise here. The responsible officials who deal with matters of extradition questioned the legality of this proceeding. It is said that the commissioner has no authority to surrender a prisoner under these circumstances, and in the absence of any existing extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico.